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ELECTION IN RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This paper responds to the restriction and election of species requirement mailed by the PTO on January 25, 2006, which set a response date of February 25, 2006. A petition for a one-month extension of time accompanies this paper.

Substance of Interview

An personal interview was held in this matter on March 9, 2006 between Michael Oblon and Examiner Troy Chambers. Applicants would like to thank Examiner Chambers for taking time to conduct the interview. During the interview claims 66, 67 and 88-90 were discussed. Examiner Chambers suggested examination of claims 66,

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67 and 90. Applicants agreed to withdraw claims 88 and 89. Applicants also argued that the device of claim 90 is capable of selectively arming and disarming the networked

pyrotechnic devices. Applicants further explained that Boucher does not disclose or

suggest the capability to selectively disarm the pyrotechnic devices once they are

armed. The Examiner agreed to consider the matter once a response to restriction

requirement was received because the Interview Request Form only requested a

discussion of the restriction requirement applied to the claims. Applicants also

discussed the patentable distinctions of claims 66 and 67 versus Boucher, as are more

fully detailed in the Amendment of December 29, 2005.

Election of Claims and Species

The restriction requirement requires election between Species A1, A2, A3, B1 and B2. Applicants elect species B1 (directed to a bus controller configured to operate in a specific order). Claims 66, 67 and 90 are understood to be readable thereon. Claims 88 and 89 are withdrawn from consideration. It should be noted, however, that Applicants do not concede that the species identified in the restriction requirement accurately characterize the patentably distinct features of the claimed inventions, or that they represent all of the patentably distinct features presented by the claims.